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THE AFRO-AMERICAN COUNCIL.

The meeting of the Afro-American Council at St. Paul, from all accounts turned out to be a roaring farce. The results at Indianapolis left a bad taste in the mouths of many of the organization's staunchest adherents, and the outcome at Philadelphia was worse. At St. Paul, the local arrangements were superb, thanks to hustling F. L. McGhee, but what the Council did to advance the cause of the race or to promote its own integral unity, can best be expressed by a cipher. Wrangles, gag-law and resolutions seem to be the fruit that most of these loosely-constructed bodies bring forth, and the country has well-nigh had a surfeit of it. An annual gathering, representing the expenditure of hundreds of dollars and the sacrifice of valuable time, should have something to show for its efforts besides the surreptitious election of a few officers and a banquet. The Council started out under pleasing skies five years ago, and commanded loyal support from every quarter. But has it done any of the great things it set out to do? With but two struggling subordinate councils in all the land after five years of labor, without a live of legislation to its credit, without the ability to control as much as a clerkship under the government, and powerless to sway a single precinct in any city ward—it would seem not.

For the gentlemen at the head of the Council, The Colored American has nothing but the highest respect, but we believe that they are wasting their time holding national conventions, and affording opportunities for strife, alienating the sympathies of some of the race's strongest factors. The league idea has had a fair trial. It has failed to "deliver the goods."

A central committee at Washington, publishing its progress through the press, would go farther toward uniting the people, influencing Congress, and raising funds to carry a suffrage test to the Supreme Court of the United States than any national organization on paper—and the work could not only be

more effective—it would be more cheaply done.

Bishop Walters, Mr. Fortune, Col. Pledger, Mr. White, Prof. Lawson and the other leaders deserve the thanks of the race for their laudable efforts to build up a powerful instrument for racial protection, but, candid observers must admit that the outlook, for one reason and another, does not seem promising for finite results under the aegis of the Afro-American Council.

The Colored American is open to suggestions from those who have intelligently studied the situation.

The higher education is needed for many, but primary instruction is imperatively demanded for all

NO McLAURIN FOR US.

We sincerely hope that the rumor that Senator McLaurin has been asked to take a judgeship on the Court of Claims is untrue. President Roosevelt owes it to himself and the party to set his foot down hard upon the aspirations of such bold-faced exponents of "commercial democracy" and "lily-whiteism" as John Lowndes McLaurin. He is a political adventurer, and a democrat "for revenue only." He has failed in his missionary labors in South Carolina, and he should be compelled to endure the consequences of the most stupid political blundering that this generation has seen. Besides, competent republicans can be found who deserve recognition, and who would gladly accept a seat on the Court of Claims—for instance, men like Ex Governor Atkinson, of West Virginia. Should President Roosevelt appoint McLaurin, he will score the first mistake of his administration.

Educated crime is far more detrimental to racial advancement than the misconduct of the ignorant.

YATES TO THE RESCUE.

Governor Yates is made of the right stuff. The outrages against Negroes at Eldorado were a disgrace to the fair name of Illinois, and the plucky executive felt that it was his duty to step into the breach when the local authorities seemed too weak to control the situation. He promptly called out the state troops and placed them on guard. His crisp letter to Sheriff Baxter, characterizing his namby pamby efforts at protection as "reprehensible conduct," shows the intense love of justice that Governor Yates possesses. The atmosphere is clearing up and the Negroes may return to Saline and rebuild their sacked school and church. There will be peace and protection there, however, if it takes the entire Illinois militia to preserve order. Governor Yates should be supported by every Negro newspaper in the country for the manly stand for right.

Moral courage is as essential to leadership as physical strength and intellectual equipment.

Mr. John F. Cook is Washington's most substantial colored citizen. He is honest, upright, dignified and public spirited. There is no office in the District, of an administrative character that he would not fill with credit and distinction. The attacks of envious persons cannot detract from the esteem in which this entire community holds Mr. Cook.

We presume that Premier Balfour will fill the bill.

Next month is the convention season.

A well-regulated citizen is happiest when busiest.

The Negro journals should turn their guns upon the common enemy.

The Negro should play a stiff hand in the coming congressional campaign.

The campaign comes on apace, with Harry C. Smith, like Achilles, sulking in his tent.

The report that Dorsey Foulz and Outlaw Tracy have pooled issues is generally discredited.

It is not recorded that any colored politician has as yet invaded the sacred precincts of Oyster Bay.

We are inclined to the belief that Ex-Collector Koester has been effectually cured of the lynching habit.

Collector Micah Jenkins cannot do a more graceful act than tender the chief deputyship to fighting Edmond H. Deas.

Had the District justiceship gone as a certain editor desired, we opine that industrialism would have had one less antagonist.

The Philippine problem can be hastened to a solution by the employment of Negroes as soldiers and as diplomatic representatives.

Some editors cannot make their existence known save by the very doubtful method of barking viciously at the heels of their superiors.

We share with our English brethren the joy over the recovery of their benevolent monarch, King Edward VII. The coronation takes place August 9.

Mr. Wu does not profess to be a Christian, but he has given most of them some lessons in nobility of character that they haven't enough Christianity to profit by.

We are glad to note that the colored citizens of Washington are catching the commercial fever, and are awakening to their vast business opportunities. Keep up the good work.

All colored Americans regret the departure of that prince of diplomats, Minister Wu Ting Fang. He saw with his eyes, not with his prejudices, and appraised people at their real worth. Mr. Wu is a friend to humanity, and the country is better for having known him.

The unconstitutional separate seat law is breeding trouble every day for the electric road between Washington and Alexandria. Whites and blacks are arrested and fined every week for sitting where they choose. The friends of Miss Mary Custis Lee are "cussing" Catonism, and chuckling over the episodes that are making for a repeal of the odious statute.

Mr. George Williams, Jr., a most enterprising and successful business man of Lynchburg, Va., has arranged a great industrial, mechanical and agricultural conference to be held at Lynchburg, Va., Monday and Tuesday July 28 and 29th. An excursion will be run from this city, and special rates are made for the accommodation of all. There will be no "Jam Crow cars" and everything will be strictly first class.

FATHER DORSEY.

Delivers an Eloquent Sermon at St. Augustine's - Hospitality of Our Leading Citizens.

Father Dorsey, of Baltimore, celebrated Mass at St. Augustine's Church last Sunday morning. The sermon was preached by Father Griffin. After the services a reception was held when he was introduced to more than fifteen hundred persons, who extended their greetings and best wishes. In the afternoon, a reception was given in his honor by Col. Richard Wells of the Mexican Legation at his residence, 1833 O Street northwest, from five to seven p. m. A dinner was served to a few special guests before the reception. Among those present were Hon. Jud W. Lyons, Register of the Treasury; Mr. Anatole Martin, Donaldsonville, La.; Mr. Lewis H. Bolden, his secretary, Niagara Falls, N. Y.; Mr. Charles Dorsey of Baltimore; Hon. H. S. Cummings of Baltimore; Messrs. W. B. Smith, A. B. James, Dr. W. S. Lofton and the host.

On Monday, Father Dorsey with his secretary was again honored by Mr. Wells, who took him sight-seeing and gave him a most delightful carriage ride. They visited the Soldiers' Home, the Bureau of Printing and Engraving, the Treasury Department and in fact all the points of interest in the city. Monday evening a reception was tendered him by the Protestant ministers at the People's Congregational church, at which Rev. Nixon is pastor. Among the ministers present were Revs. Walter H. Brooks, O. M. Waller and Sterling N. Brown. Father Dorsey left the city last Wednesday for Baltimore, highly elated at the reception he received at the hands of his many friends in this city.

Dr. Taylor Captures Washington.

Rev. William L. Taylor, president of the True Reformers' Bank of Richmond, Va., spoke to a large and enthusiastic audience at the 19th Street Baptist Church, Wednesday evening July 9th. He was accompanied by Mr. J. C. Robertson, the attorney for the company, Mr. Kyles, his secretary and his wife, Mrs. Taylor. Local representatives of the order turned out in great number, headed by Chief Woodson, Mr. C. L. Marshall, manager of the branch store, Mrs. James and many others. Dr. Taylor made a most eloquent and convincing speech and carried his audience with him. His visit here will do much good, and added strength to the great work now being done here.

OUR BOYS HUSTLING.

Quite a number of bright boys are now handling The Colored American in many of the principal cities of the country. Many of them are doing remarkably well and are making from \$2 to \$4 a week. Parents who wish their boys to acquire some knowledge of business can do no better service than to have them sell The Colored American each week. It is a good seller and it will take a boy but a short while to work up a good route. If the boy goes to school he can take the afternoon hours to canvass on his route and can deliver the paper on Saturday morning. We want a few more bright boys. Bring or send in your order at once.

A pure home life is religion's strongest ally.